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SUBJECT: SOVIET TRADE UNION DELEGATION

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1. DCM VORONTSOV CALLED ACTING ASSISTANT SECRETARY SPRINGSTEEN WITH REGARD TO VISAS FOR MEMBERS OF SOVIET FOOD INDUSTRY UNION REQUESTED IN JUNE ORDER MAKE VISIT PURSUANT TO AMALGAMATED MEAT CUTTERS INVITATION FOR PERIOD SEPTEMBER 2-16. HE SAID DEPARTMENT INFORMED EMBASSY ON AUGUST 28 THAT WAIVERS WOULD NOT BE SOUGHT FOR THIS UNION DELEGATION. EMBASSY HERE HAD NOT YET INFORMED MOSCOW OF THIS DECISION BECAUSE THEY WISHED TO OBTAIN FURTHER EXPLANATION FOR IT.

2. IN RESPONSE, MR. SPRINGSTEEN SAID THAT, AS MR. VORONTSOV WELL KNEW, THE DEPARTMENT HAD TO SEEK WAIVERS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE PURSUANT TO OUR LAW. IN ADDITION, AS MR. VORONTSOV WAS ALSO AWARE, THE MAINSTREAM OF THE AMERICAN LABOR MOVEMENT IS OPPOSED TO SUCH UNION-TO-UNION VISITS AND LOOKS WITH DISFAVOR UPON THE GRANTING OF ANY WAIVERS FOR THIS CATEGORY OF EXCHANGE. AS HE
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UNDERSTANDS, WE CAN'T IGNORE THE VIEWS OF THIS SEGMENT OF

OUR SOCIETY.

3. HAS EMBASSY INFORMED MFA OF VISA REFUSAL?
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